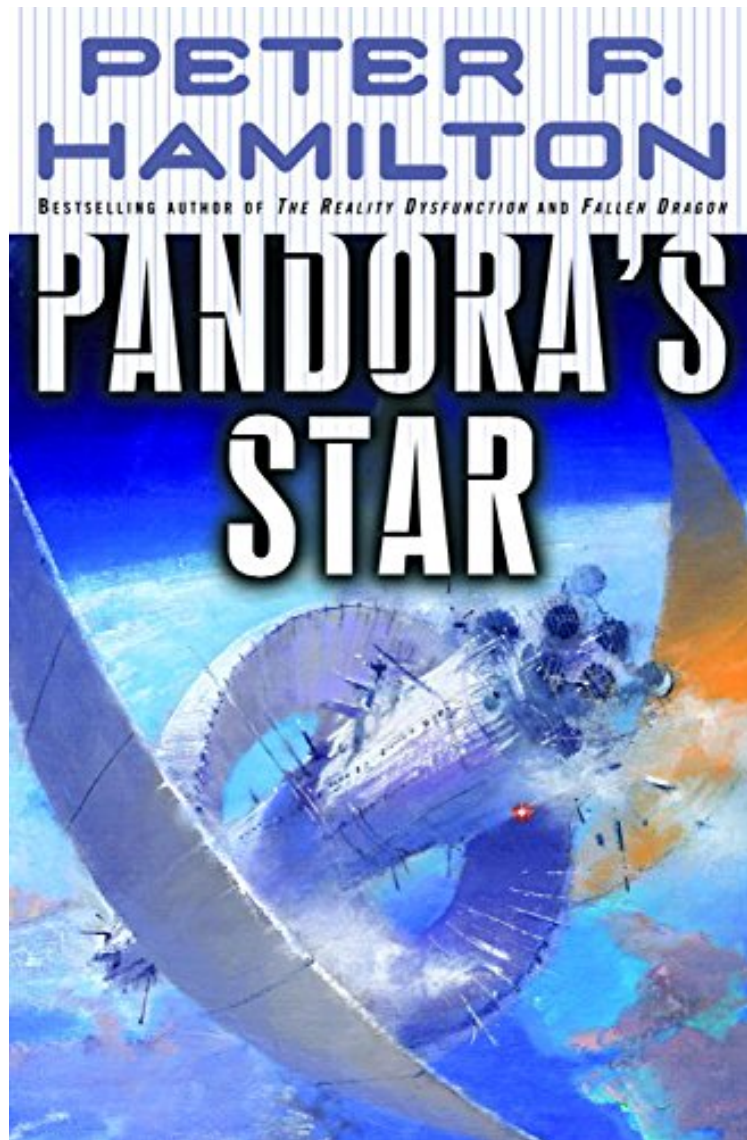


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**Von Peter F. Hamilton : Pandora's Star (The Commonwealth Saga)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pandora's Star (The Commonwealth Saga):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Exzellente Story mit LngenVon Bernd St.Whrend die Handlung an sich wirklich spannend und enorm fantasievoll ist hat das Buch doch stellenweise Lngen. So bremsen die ellenlangen detaillierten Beschreibungen des Familienhintergrundes und des Umfeldes der immensen Anzahl von Mitwirkenden den Spannungsbogen an manchen

Stellen doch erheblich und weniger wie hier manchmal mehr gewesen. Insgesamt wirkt das Buch weniger aus einem Guss als die Vorgänger. Das ist aber sicherlich Geschmackssache. Pandora's Star ist trotz allem ein absolutes Highlight der SF Literatur. 1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Durchhaltevermögen lohnt sich Von Manawydan Ein typischer Hamilton, weit ausladend angelegt, voller interessanter Einfälle. Wie bei allen seinen Büchern nichts für Fastfood-Leser. Auch hier muss man gut 2/3 des Buches "durchstehen", dann aber zündet es und hebt ab wie eine Rakete. Der 2. Teil, "Judas unchained" greift sofort und schließt die in Pandora's Star begonnenen Handlungsstränge ab. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Epic Von Susanne Bodenstein To make one thing clear right from the start : If you don't think you can handle a gargantuan multi-volumes novel, each having about 1000 pages, don't start reading. It takes time to get all the characters of the cast straight, too. And some parts of the story / technology seem oddly anachronistic. Humankind has spread out over the galaxy, uses wormhole technology...and at the same time drives around in combustion engines and uses nuclear fission????? Then there's the strange subplot about the elfin Silfen that borders on fantasy. But in such a HUGE novel this really is minor. Here's an author who is very imaginative, who can really write, and does so with verve.

Kurzbeschreibung Critics have compared the engrossing space operas of Peter F. Hamilton to the classic sagas of such sf giants as Isaac Asimov and Frank Herbert. But Hamilton's bestselling fiction powered by a fearless imagination and world-class storytelling skill has also earned him comparison to Tolstoy and Dickens. Hugely ambitious, wildly entertaining, philosophically stimulating: the novels of Peter F. Hamilton will change the way you think about science fiction. Now, with Pandora's Star, he begins a new multivolume adventure, one that promises to be his most mind-blowing yet. The year is 2380. The Intersolar Commonwealth, a sphere of stars some four hundred light-years in diameter, contains more than six hundred worlds, interconnected by a web of transport tunnels known as wormholes. At the farthest edge of the Commonwealth, astronomer Dudley Bose observes the impossible: Over one thousand light-years away, a star . . . vanishes. It does not go supernova. It does not collapse into a black hole. It simply disappears. Since the location is too distant to reach by wormhole, a faster-than-light starship, the Second Chance, is dispatched to learn what has occurred and whether it represents a threat. In command is Wilson Kime, a five-time rejuvenated ex-NASA pilot whose glory days are centuries behind him. Opposed to the mission are the Guardians of Selfhood, a cult that believes the human race is being manipulated by an alien entity they call the Starflyer. Bradley Johansson, leader of the Guardians, warns of sabotage, fearing the Starflyer means to use the starship's mission for its own ends. Pursued by a Commonwealth special agent convinced the Guardians are crazy but dangerous, Johansson flees. But the danger is not averted. Aboard the Second Chance, Kime wonders if his crew has been infiltrated. Soon enough, he will have other worries. A thousand light-years away, something truly incredible is waiting: a deadly discovery whose unleashing will threaten to destroy the Commonwealth . . . and humanity itself. Could it be that Johansson was right? From the Hardcover edition. From Publishers Weekly Hamilton's exhilarating new opus proves that "intelligent space opera" isn't an oxymoron. By the 24th century, the vast human Commonwealth has spread from Earth via artificial wormholes. Various benign or seemingly indifferent alien races have been encountered during exploration of new planets, but an astronomer sparks curiosity by announcing that a pair of stars is enclosed by a mysterious energy barrier. Unfortunately, a space expedition discovers that the shield was created to imprison an insatiably greedy mass mind that sees any other race as a mortal threat. When the barrier somehow is lowered, the alien immediately attacks the largely unprepared Commonwealth, while humans begin wondering if yet another inhuman power has manipulated events that unleashed this threat. The author deftly juggles many characters in multiple plot lines, sometimes slowing down the action briefly, at other times racing forward. Revelations late in the book will have readers scurrying back to earlier pages to reinterpret what they initially thought. Not many SF writers are capable of tackling such a big project so confidently. In this respect, Hamilton (Fallen Dragon) resembles a less cheery but very tech-savvy and extremely paranoid Charles Dickens. Given the abrupt cliffhanger of an ending, some may prefer to save this massive installment until the story's conclusion, Judas Unleashed, appears next year. Anyone who begins this one, however, probably won't be able to put it down. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Hamilton creates a dense, thoroughly defined twenty-fourth-century world, in which humanity has colonized the stars, thanks to the discovery of wormhole travel, and established a successful commonwealth. The species has even encountered aliens and space-faring artifacts. One remaining mystery is the barrier around stars known as the Dyson Pair. Human curiosity still being what it is, a spaceship capable of faster-than-light travel (thanks to those wormholes again) goes to investigate. When what's behind the barrier is discovered, the thrill-ride really starts. Aliens formerly trapped inside it, fighting over limited resources, are freed to invade human space. Unfortunately, that is more or less where this book leaves us, but a sequel is in the works. Hamilton's attention to character development makes the slow buildup to a dizzyingly destructive denouement rewarding, and all the little subplots and threads one hopes will be tied back to the main thread keep it complex and engaging. Hamilton is never simple, and even his aliens are well written, complex creations with their own motivations. Regina

